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assignment as battalion commander per month. A VP Rat (captain) assigned to the ministry is said to draw 1,000 eastmarks per month after taxes. No deductions for social insurances and no payments to revenue offices are to be made in order to keep the number of officers and EM assigned to units and headquarters secret.

5. On 1 September, recruiting offices for the national army were established in Rostock, Neubrandenburg, Magdeburg, Halle, Leipzig, Gera, Chemnitz and Dresden. (3)
6. The first fully equipped units of the national army are scheduled to parade before the East German Government on 7 October 1952. The units concerned will allegedly wear gray-brown uniforms similar to those worn by Soviet soldiers and will be equipped with Soviet arms.

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 Comments.

- (1) According to other information, the Bureau for Economic Affairs has also been designated as the central armament headquarters.
- (2) In June and July 1952, a total of 185,000 eastmarks was spent by the Ministry for National Forces. About 110,000 eastmarks of this sum were payments to personnel. The considerable increase of this budget for the month of August indicates that the organization of the Ministry for National Forces is progressing rapidly.
- (3) It may be assumed that such recruiting offices will be established in all newly established Verwaltungsbezirke. After the introduction of universal military service, these recruiting offices may assume the missions of draft boards.

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